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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

) No. 08 CR

2-11-08

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v.

) Hon. Maria Valdez

) U.S. Magistrate Judge MARIA VALDEZ

HOWARD BLANKENSHIP

) UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

**GOVERNMENT'S MOTION TO SEAL  
COMPLAINT & AFFIDAVIT**

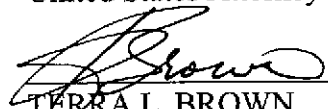
The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, respectfully requests that this Court seal the criminal Complaint and Affidavit in this matter.

The public filing of the Complaint and Affidavit in this matter before the Arrest Warrant can be executed could alert the defendant and result in his flight. For this reason, the government respectfully requests that the Complaint and Affidavit, as well as this Motion to Seal, be sealed until February 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., or until the government's motion to unseal the materials, whichever comes first.

Respectfully submitted,

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